

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, April 26, 2012**  
**10:00 a.m., West Columbia, South Carolina**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Vacant, District 1  
Frank W. Young, M.D., District 2  
Ira E. Coward II, Vice-Chairman & District 3  
Robert E. Walker, District 4  
Barry G. Avent, District 5  
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, Secretary & District 6

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director  
Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary  
James Stephens, Program Manager  
Merrill Donahoo, Aviation Ambassador

**Commission Member Absent**

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-Large  
(On Pilot Military Duty)

**Visitors:**

Soleil Black, Celebrate Freedom Foundation  
Riley Eason, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.  
Joshua Chastain, Cornerstone GIS  
Charles F. Sterns, PE, CDM Smith

Frank Manning, SCANA & SCAA  
Mike Flack, Mike Flack Associates LLC  
Jim Ducker, ADC Engineering

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**Welcome & Call to Order**

*Vice-Chairman Coward* called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and requested *Commissioner Young* give the invocation. Mr. Werts introduced the guests.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Vice-Chairman Coward* presented the minutes of the March 7, 2012 Commission meeting for approval. *Secretary Dabney* made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as written and presented, *Commissioner Young* seconded, and all approved.

**Legislative Update**

*Vice-Chairman Coward* requested *Commissioner Walker* given an update on his meetings with Senators concerning an increase to the SCAC appropriations for FY 2012/13. The House has appropriated \$541,461 and SCAC is requesting the Senate increase the appropriation by \$782,870. *Vice-Chairman Coward* updated the Commission on the status of Title 55 (Bill H.3918).

**Projects for Consideration**

**Rock Hill-York County Airport**

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for the Rock Hill-York County Airport to rehabilitate Runway 2/20 with a two inch asphalt surface course over a double surface treatment, including engineering design and construction services. The state portion of the project is \$98,579 and the total project amount is \$2,004,596. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Secretary Dabney* made a **Motion** the project be approved as presented; *Commissioner Young* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

**Williamsburg County Airport**

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Williamsburg County Airport to extend the existing partial parallel taxiway to a full parallel for Runway 14/32 and to remove tree obstructions to meet 34:1 approach criteria per FAA Part 77 Regulations. The state portion of the project is \$38,327 and the total project amount is \$168,820. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner Avent* made a **Motion** the project be approved as presented; *Secretary Dabney* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

**Financial, Budget, Executive Director's Reports & Aeronautics Update**

Financial Reports, Aviation Fuel Sales Report, Open Grants Report, and Flight Operations Report were accepted as presented.

Mr. Stephens introduced Ms. Black of Celebrate Freedom Foundation to give an overview of the Aviation Education Summer Camp planned for July 16-20, 2012. Ms. Black gave a very informative and impressive presentation of the selection criteria of students, planned activities for the week, and topics to be covered.

Mr. Donahoo gave a presentation updating the Commission on his education program promoting aviation to civic clubs around the state. Mr. Donahoo has received excellent feedback and has now given more than 60 presentations. The Commission expressed thanks to Mr. Donahoo for the excellent job he is doing.

Mr. Werts presented the draft of a Joint Concurrent Resolution for Aviation Week August 13-18, 2012 for discussion. The Commission requested Mr. Werts contact Representative Brian White to request his sponsorship of the resolution. Mr. Werts announced that SCAA had hired a consultant to assist with plans for Aviation Week.

Mr. Werts announced his intention of holding a Land Acquisition Seminar in conjunction with the FAA in June in the Columbia area. This issue is becoming critical in airport operations and will be extremely helpful to airport managers across the state.

### District Reports

**District 2 – Commissioner Young** – Inquired about the airports referenced in copies of safety inspection letters he has received and what our responsibilities are if items are not fixed or corrected. Mr. Werts discussed who is authorized to issue NOTAMS, and led a discussion concerning the use of state aviation funds for airfield maintenance projects based on priority need.

**District 3 – Vice-Chairman Coward** – Informed the Commission about the road built by a landowner 225 feet from the end of the runway at Saluda County Airport and how the airport and FAA are working to address this issue.

**District 4 – Commissioner Walker** – Announced Donaldson Field has taxiway completed and Lockheed/Donaldson has signed a new five year contract. Spartanburg Downtown making headway with completing their taxiway and apron project. Triple Tree will be holding their Remote Control Airshow May 13-19.

**District 5 – Commissioner Avent** – no report.

**District 6 – Secretary Dabney** – Reported that Hamilton-Owens Field held two events over the last few weeks: 1) a static aircraft display in honor and memory of local Army aviator, Col. Earl Yerrick, Jr.; and 2) a celebration of the 82<sup>nd</sup> year of the opening of Hamilton-Owens Field. Both events were very successful with over 200 people attending the first event.

### New/Other Business

The next SCAC meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2012 which is AMT Day. The AMT Event will be held in Myrtle Beach and **Commissioner Avent** made a **Motion** to move the Commission meeting to Myrtle Beach so the Commissioners could participate in the AMT Day event; **Secretary Dabney** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, **Secretary Dabney** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Walker** seconded, and all approved.

  
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA  
Commission Secretary

  
Revé M. Richardson  
Commission Recording Secretary

  
Ira E. "Bud" Coward II  
Commission Vice-Chairman

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